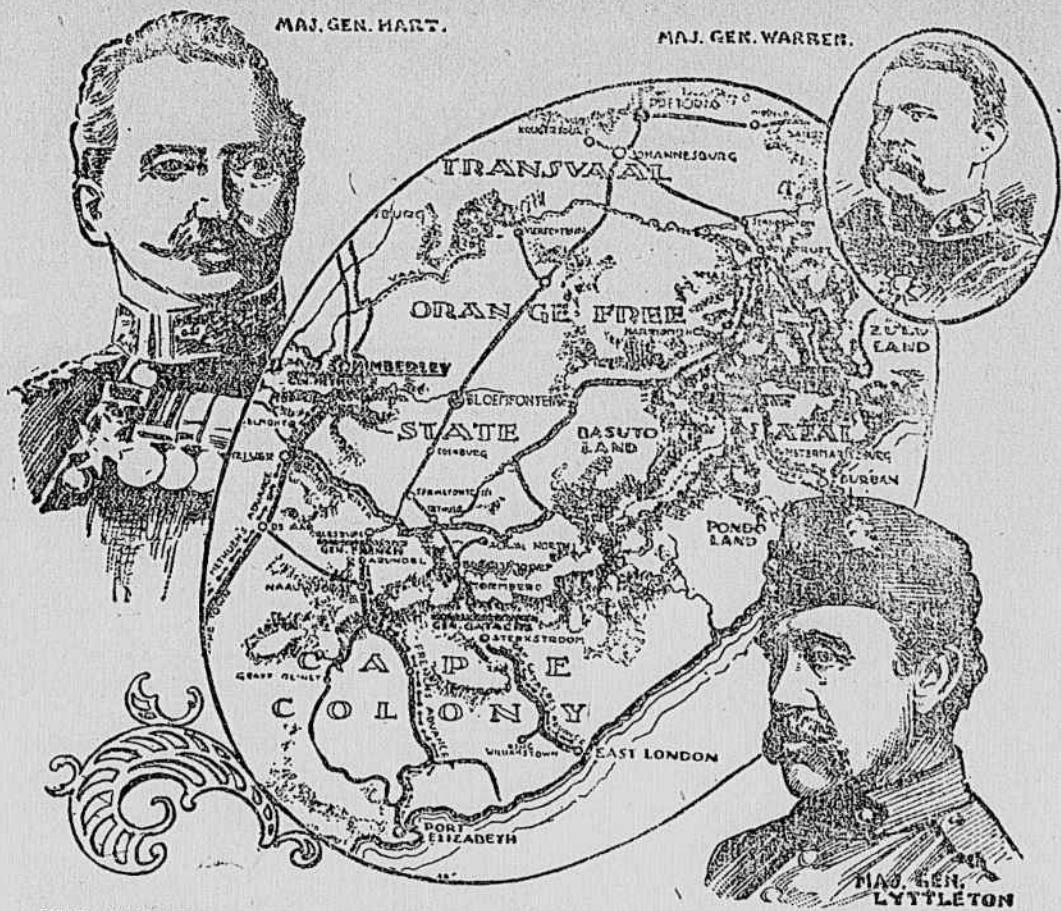


PORTSMOUTH ADVERTISEMENTS AND TELEGRAPH CONTINUED—BERKLEY NEWS.



MAP SHOWING WHERE FIVE BRITISH ARMIES ARE BLOCKED BY THE BOERS.

In Natal General White is still beleaguered in Ladysmith, and General Buller's advance is checked below the Tugela river. In Cape Colony General Gatacre, who received such a drubbing at Stormberg, is near Stormberg, quite a number of miles south of the Orange Free State border; General French is blocked near Colesburg, and General Methuen is in a serious predicament at the Modder river. General Hart and General Lyttleton are two of Buller's brigade commanders who saw not fighting during Buller's repulse at the Tugela river, and General Warren, commander of the Fifth division, is moving north to the support of Methuen.

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ARMY GENERALS.

MANY PROMOTIONS SOON TO BE MADE.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—General Gilbert S. Carpenter, who was recently confirmed as brigadier-general in the regular army, has been placed on the retired list on his own application, after thirty years active service. His retirement leaves two vacancies in the list of brigadier-generals, and results in promotions in every grade of the line. The two vacancies in the list of brigadier-generals will be filled on the re-assembling of Congress, by the promotion and retirement of several officers who have distinguished themselves in action in the recent war. It is popularly supposed that Generals MacArthur, Wilson, Lee, Wheeler, Bates, Young, Ludlow and Wheaton, all of whom hold volunteer commissions, are to be made brigadier-generals in the regular establishment, and that all but two of this number will be immediately retired. General MacArthur will undoubtedly be retained in active service, but there is less certainty as to the identity of the other general officers to be retained. The death of General Lawton left a vacancy in the list of major-generals of volunteers, which will be filled by the promotion of either General Bates, General Young or General Wheaton, all of whom are on duty in the Philippines. The appointment will be made early next week.

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A SOUTHERN TRIP.

IMPRESSIONS MADE UPON A NEW YORKER'S MIND.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, Dec. 27.—Elliott Danforth, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, returned to New York to-day after a trip through the South, during which he talked with Senator James K. Jones, chairman of the National Committee, and most of the chairmen of the Southern Democratic State Committees. This afternoon Mr. Danforth gave an Evening Post reporter the result of his observations and some information about next year's national campaign. "I found," he said, "that the sentiment was generally in favor of selecting some Western city other than Chicago as the place for holding the National Convention. The members of the National Committee have a strong feeling against Chicago on account of treatment they have received from the newspapers there since they established headquarters in the city in 1896. It looks now as if either Milwaukee or Kansas City will secure the National Convention. Milwaukee seems to be in the lead."

"I also discovered that there is a general feeling in favor of establishing the headquarters of the National Committee next year in Washington. Senator Jones favored Washington in 1896, but gave way to Mr. Bryan, who was in favor of Chicago. In my trip through the South I observed one thing which will be considered of particular interest in New York, namely, that none of the leaders seemed disposed to insist on free silver as the main issue of the campaign next year. They did not say that they had abandoned the 16 to 1 idea, but they acknowledged that the situation had changed since 1896, and that the dominant issues next year were trusts and imperialism. That is to say, they are unwilling to repudiate the Chicago platform, but they see that new issues of far-reaching importance have come up lately, and that their choice should be made. Even in States like North Carolina I found that the anti-trust and anti-imperialism ideas engaged the attention of the people more than the free silver issue. In fact, I might sum up my observations by saying that the sentiment of Democracy in the South is such that I am confident there will be little trouble in bringing about a union of the Democracy of the whole country next year."

"The Democratic National Convention," said Mr. Danforth, "will be held a short time after the Republican convention according to custom. No matter when it is held there is no doubt about the head of the ticket. Everywhere I heard only Mr. Bryan's name mentioned. They are not talking about candidates for Vice President yet. An Eastern man will probably be selected."

EDUCATORS MEET.

A NOTABLE CONFERENCE CONVENES AT MEMPHIS.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 27.—The first session of the Conference Southern Educational Association was held here to-day. When Chairman Gordon, of the reception committee, called the meeting to order more than 700 delegates were in their seats, representing the entire South. Quite a number of visitors have arrived from the North, and even from the New England States. The program this afternoon was begun with welcoming addresses and their responses. President Junius Jordan delivered his annual address. Dr. Jordan said, in part:

"Our section has its own peculiar problems which other associations, national though they be, cannot appreciate, cannot reach and which it is not the part of wisdom to transfer to fields of ineffectual sentimentalism."

"And well may it be said in reference to the complexity of our educational system that upon the intelligent white teachers of the Southern States, more than upon all others, depends the determining of the character and extent of education that should be offered to the negro race. No negro Moses can settle this matter or go before the deputed multitude as a pillar of cloud by day, or of fire by night."

"I am sure that those who know the negro best can most readily bring about a safe and equitable solution. More than all, the false ideas of prominence and supremacy and of unrestrained license to do and demand anything, so viciously implanted by the odious emissaries of reconstruction, must be eradicated or worn away."

Dr. Jordan said that the future of the negro, if he remains in this country, is in the agricultural world.

The features of the evening session was an address by Dr. William T. Harris, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

A VIRGINIAN SPEAKS.

Hon. B. F. Johnson, of Richmond, Va., closed to-night's session with an address on "A Tripartite Education."

SENATOR QUAY.

SENATOR BEVERIDGE ON HIS CLAIMS FOR SEAT.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27.—Senator Beveridge to-day made the following statement concerning Senator Quay: "The talk about Quay not having votes enough to seat him is nonsense. He claims that he has enough votes to seat him. Nobody knows just what the situation is. Nobody knows, for example, how I feel. I know that a great many other Senators are in exactly the same situation. The whole matter is a pure question of constitutional construction. All this talk about corrupt elections, etc., has nothing to do with the case. Quay is not claiming through an appointment by the Governor. The question is whether or not the Governor had a constitutional right to appoint him. I have not had time yet to give that question the special study which its immense importance deserves. When I have done so, I shall know how I shall vote, for that consideration, and that consideration alone, will determine the matter. This also is the case with a great number of other Senators."

"Great Salt Lake Disappearing." The Great Salt Lake is gradually drying up. Geologists claim that it will be entirely gone in another century. There will be nothing but a glistering bed of salt to mark the site of one of the geological wonders of the world. This is the way of all life, and yet we may prolong our stay on earth if we will. No mortal is free from the menace of sickness, and yet if the bowels are kept regular and the blood pure by occasional doses of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, much sickness may be prevented. The Bitters not only prevents sickness, but it cures all such troublesome diseases as constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, biliousness and inactive liver or weak kidneys. There is such a demand for it that it may be had at any drug store. Get it, and to avoid imitations, be sure that a private Revenue Stamp covers the neck of the bottle.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

TO THE MOTHER OF A SOUTHERN HERO.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Marietta, Ga., Dec. 27.—Mrs. A. V. Brumby, mother of Lieutenant Brumby, whose death recently shocked the country, has received from President McKinley a letter, speaking in the highest terms of her son's career in the navy and expressing the deep sympathy of both himself and Mrs. McKinley. The letter follows:

Executive Mansion,  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 22, 1899.  
Dear Mrs. Brumby: The death of your gallant son, Lieutenant Brumby, is deeply mourned by his countrymen, who remember with gratitude his heroism and devotion to duty.

In his career of faithful service, he preserved the best traditions of the navy and his Government and as typical of this will be remembered as the officer who raised the first American flag over Manila. It is particularly dear to me with what enthusiasm and cordiality I read in the official D. Wey has repeatedly referred to your son, and I am sure you will be glad to know of the regard in which he was universally held.

In your great sorrow you have the deep sympathy of Mrs. McKinley and myself.

Very sincerely yours,  
WILLIAM McKINLEY.

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HINDU ASTROLOGERS.

CHARGE BRITISH REVERSES TO THE PLANETS.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, Dec. 27.—Hindu Astrologers, according to Bombay papers, which have just been received, are connecting the famine, plague and British reverses to the peculiar conjunction of the planets, when on the 15th of November seven planets were in the sign of Scorpio. The Hindus of Bombay, therefore, to avert further calamity and ensure success to the British arms arranged for special prayers and religious ceremonies at one of their great temples. Seventy-five learned Brahmins officiated. The first act was presentation of gifts to these priests of valuable shawls and money. The priests then invoked divine blessings on the rulers and ruled, and the people sang hymns in Marathi and Gujarati.

Race Riot in Georgia.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27.—A Constitution special from Columbia, S. C., says: News has reached here of a race riot at Ridgeland, Buford county, in which two negroes and a white man were killed and several others wounded. Ridgeland is a small town on the coast, thickly populated by negroes.

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Reader Cabler Has Narrow Escape

With Flashed Rifle-Officers to Be Installed Publicly—Death of Mrs. Taylor—Personal, Etc.

Yesterday about 12:30 o'clock, while Kessler W. Cabler, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cabler, of Bank street, Norfolk, and Oscar Petherbridge were amusing themselves by shooting at a target with a Robert rifle, the former was accidentally shot by the Petherbridge boy, the bullet taking effect about a half inch from his jugular vein in the right side of his neck, and penetrated an inch or so in the flesh. Kessler was taken to the office of Dr. W. B. Ashburn, who probed for the bullet, but was unable to locate it. The brother of the wounded boy, Mr. G. G. Cabler, 'phoned for an ambulance and had him taken to the home of his parents, where he was treated by the family physician. His condition was not regarded as serious late last evening. The accident occurred while Kessler was marking a target on a fence. Oscar shooting before he could get out of the way. The ball that penetrated his neck was 22-calibre short.

Engine No. 11, of the Norfolk and Southern railroad, drawing the Southbound through freight, jumped the track at the forty-one mile siding between Belcross and Camden Stations, about 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The engine and first car attached were also derailed. No damage of importance was done to the train, as it was not running very fast at the time. The wrecking train was sent out at once and the delay was short.

Mrs. Lydia Taylor, wife of Mr. J. W. Taylor, died yesterday morning about 1:30 o'clock at her home on Virginia street, in the 35th year of her age. She leaves a husband and four small daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral will be conducted at the residence this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. T. Masten, of Chestnut Street M. E. Church, and her remains will be forwarded to Indian Creek Friday morning to be interred in the family burying ground.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held a crusade meeting at the residence of Mrs. D. A. Graves on Clifton street, yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Milley, of Norfolk, presided over the meeting. General routine work was discussed and plans projected for success of their work another year.

Tuesday afternoon at about 2:30 o'clock Cornelia Hobbs, a colored woman, was shot by her husband, Richard Hobbs, and mortally wounded. The shooting occurred at their home, near Deal's Mill, in the county. The Hobbs woman had been from home all the morning and returned about the time mentioned above, when they had a clash of words, and Hobbs, who was under the influ-

ence of intoxicants, drew his pistol and fired three times at his wife, one of the shots taking effect in her abdomen, cutting several of her intestines. Dr. Wilson, of South Norfolk, was summoned and did what he could to relieve her, and had her carried to the Protestant Hospital in Norfolk, where Dr. Leigh operated on her. Her chance of recovery is thought to be doubtful. Hobbs was apprehended and brought before Justice Tilton, of the county, who had him incarcerated in the county jail for several days until a certain witness can be obtained. Hobbs may be tried for murder.

Mrs. W. T. Sears is indisposed at her residence on Berkley avenue.

Mrs. Girard and daughter, of South Norfolk, are on a visit to friends at Zuri.

The Hebrews gave a ball at Odd Fellows' Hall, South Norfolk, Tuesday night. An admission of 25 cents was charged, to go toward raising their funds for the benefit of the Federation of American Zionists.

Mr. Willie Porter, son of Rev. M. P. Porter, continues quite ill at his home on Second street, much to the regret of his friends.

Mr. H. B. McGeehe, who has been home spending several days with his brother, Mr. W. H. McGeehe, on Berkley avenue, has returned to his home in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Etheridge are visiting parents in Petersburg.

Mr. W. T. Sears has returned from South Carolina, where he has been quite ill for several weeks, and is now undergoing treatment at the Protestant hospital, Norfolk.

Mr. T. C. Humphries has moved his stock of shoes from his old stand on Chestnut street to his new store on Berkley avenue.

Miss Blanche Barry, of North street, left yesterday for Elizabeth City, N. C., to visit the family of Rev. James Y. Old.

Miss Nellie Old left yesterday to visit Mrs. P. P. Snowden, at Snowden, N. C.

Mr. J. R. Williams, embalmer and funeral director, occupied his new place in front of Mr. C. B. Gibbs', on Chestnut street, yesterday, where he will conduct his business in future.

Lieutenant Wm. L. Baile, U. S. N., and wife, of Philadelphia, Pa., are guests of the Monticello, Norfolk, and are on a visit to their son, Hon. W. L. Baile, Jr., of Berkley.

County Clerk A. H. Martin and daughter left yesterday for Hickory, to spend several days with friends.

Mr. E. B. Thompson, who has been spending several days with his son, Mr. G. L. Thompson, on Berkley avenue, left yesterday for his home in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Rutledge Wrenn, a popular young man of this place, and Miss Penelope Eley Toms were married yesterday afternoon at Hertford, N. C. They will reside on Liberty street, this city, on their return from their bridal trip.

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